(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to remove the disabilities to which the boat-owners are now subjected by the Canal Department and hear their grievances before introducing any new measures with a view to the exercise of better supervision and check?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government are not aware that the boat-owners have any disabilities now. Their grievances with regard to the provisions in the new rules have been heard and the rules suitably amended.

Grievances of Boat-Owners.

35. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Are the Government aware that there is much discontent among boat-owners as a result of the Government's approval of the suggestions of the "Redeemer" Committee, alleged to be intended for the safety and comfort of passengers?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 34.

"Falacia."

36. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it not a fact that in 1097 a boat belonging to Messrs. Darragh, Smail and Co., named "*Falacia*", struck a post, which was standing under water in the Kayankulam lake near Ayiramtengu?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The facts, as reported by the Chief Engineer, are as follow:—

The Division Officer, Quilon, forwarded to the Chief Engineer on the 1st August, 1922, a copy of the Kayankulam Canal Officer's report to the Sub-Division Officer, Quilon, stating that, while the Boat "*Falacia*" was plying in the Kayankulam lake on its journey from Quilon to Alleppey on the 29th July 1922, there was a big gale, and that, in consequence, the boat got out of control, with the result that it went off its track and dashed against a demarcation post on the eastern side of the route and the post gave way. Owing to the impact, the boat ran over the broken post and a hole was formed in the hull. Water poured in through the hole, but fortunately another boat, which was also bound for Alleppey, came to succour and took the passengers. There was no loss of life or property. The hole was temporarily patched up and the boat was removed to Aiyramtengu where it was repaired and taken on to Alleppey.

Grants to Boat-Owners.

37. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend giving any grant or compensation to boat-owners of long standing to make good

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the losses incurred by them on account of maintaining regular boat-service in the interests of the travelling public?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Wharf Superintendents at Alleppey, Quilon, etc.

38. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state the need for, and the special benefit the travelling public derive by, the appointment of Wharf Superintendents at Alleppey, Quilon, etc.?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is necessary to have Wharf Superintendents at such important centres of canal traffic. The special benefit to the travelling public from the existence of these officers is that proper regulation of traffic will be attended to by them and the travelling public will find a responsible officer at the jetty to whom they can prefer their complaints. The control which the Wharf Superintendents exercise is expected to be in the interest of the safety and convenience of the travelling public.

Arrest of a Boat by the Parur Municipality.

39. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Are the Government aware that the Parur Municipal President, Mr. A. Govinda Menon, arrested illegally on the 27th Tulam, 1097, a motor boat of Mr. Abdul Satar Sait, worth Rs. 7,000, and began to notify its auction sale in the newspapers, alleging that license fee was due, when the boat was entering the town limits after paying toll?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is now *sub judice*.

License Fees for Vehicles entering Town Limits.

40. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it necessary that license fees should be paid by the vehicles entering the town even after payment of toll which is heavier than such fees?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Sections 61 (3), (4) and (5) of the Municipal Regulation, V of 1095.

License to Boats belonging to the Owners of the "Redeemer."

41. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Why were all the boats belonging to the owners of the "*Redeemer*" licensed at Vaikam only?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): All the boats belonging to the owner of the "*Redeemer*" were not

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